



OVERSEAS TICKER

ISTAMBUL

Time-Life bureau chief Robert Neville and his wife, Mary, will depart in a few days for home leave in the U.S. This will be the first time in four years that Neville has come to the U.S. He was formerly chief of the Rome bureau.

According to Istanbul residents, life has become considerably more onerous with a complete shortage of such necessary commodities as coffee and many types of paper. This is due to Turkey's current economic crisis and lack of foreign exchange. But to imagine the plush Istanbul Hilton without a drop of coffee, which is the case, is difficult for people who remember Turkey for her coffee.

The newest press arrival in Istanbul is the AP's Webb McKinley, bureau chief for Turkey. McKinley, his wife and his four children, took over the apartment of Allen Jacks, who has been transferred by the AP to become Rome bureau chief.

BEIRUT

The Hotel St. Georges in Beirut has become the new gathering place of Middle Eastern news hands as life gets

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Club Calendar

Tues., Mar. 19 — Opening of exhibit of stills from OPC TV Film Series "Exclusive!" Also, preview of first "Exclusive!" film, "The Man Who Changed Faces," by Bob Considine. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., followed by usual buffet supper.

Thurs., Mar. 21 — Special Open House — Ivan M. Lombardo, former Italian Minister of Finance, Trade and Commerce, now head of Italian Committee on Production, will present a Grand Prize to Director of New York Museum of Modern Art. Also other Italian officials. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 26 — Open House — Details to be announced.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members:

Here's a report on the results of one of the best-conceived and most successful projects of the OPC this past year - the drive to get into the ranks of the Club working foreign correspondents employed by U.S. information media overseas.

I am sure that most of you have noticed with satisfaction the names of the distinguished American foreign correspondents which are being posted weekly in *The Bulletin* as new members.

They have included such outstanding by-line newsmen as Sydney Gruson, Kennett Love, Charles Klensch, Eddy Gilmore, Osgood Caruthers, Richard Kasischke, Marvin Stone, Bob Tuckman, and Tad Szulc among others.

On Mar. 5, the total applications for membership from working American correspondents abroad received during this drive numbered seventy.

The result will be that by the time these men receive their final posting in *The Bulletin*, the number of Active overseas members of the OPC will have risen from 149 as of Oct. 31, 1956, to 219.

In other words, this important sector of our membership will have increased by nearly fifty percent.

I contend that this is no small accomplishment and that it is one in which all the members of the OPC can take great pride. This Club now certainly represents the majority of American foreign correspondents stationed overseas. This makes our name, "The Overseas Press Club of America," more meaningful for all of us. It will undoubtedly increase our already great prestige in the news profession in the U.S. and abroad.

I want to point out that this drive has not ended. It is still going on. I am endeavoring personally to see that application forms and our excellent new brochure on the Club reach all of those American correspondents overseas who have not already received them. We want not just the majority of American working newsmen abroad to be in the Club but *all* of them.

Sincerely,

Wayne Richardson
President

COUSINS APPOINTS TEN TO PROJECTS BOARD

OPC Special Projects chairman Norman Cousins announced this week that invitations have been sent to ten leading American newspaper and magazine publishers, radio and TV commen-



tators, and others distinguished in the field of journalism to serve on a newly-established advisory board for the Club's special projects activities.

Cousins, editor of the *Saturday Review*, also announced the appointment of an executive board of four OPC members to handle all details of implementing special projects undertaken by the Club.

Chosen for the advisory board were: Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Edward Barrett, John Daly, Eric Sevareid, C.D. Jackson, H.V. Kaltenborn, Erwin Canham, Bob Considine, Malcolm Muir, Jr. and David Lawrence. Cousins said their duty will be to initiate "cultural, philanthropic or educational projects that will advance the professional ideals of the OPC."

Members of the Special Projects' new executive board include: John Luter, Madeline Ross, Ben Wright, and Helen Zotos, who will be special assistant to the chairman.

A first meeting of the joint boards will be held at the OPC Mar. 26 at 12:30 p.m. While the Committee has before it several suggestions for consideration, and is also exploring the possibility of foundation participation, Cousins said additional ideas from OPC members are welcome.

TIME MAN ATTACKED

Byron Riggan, chief of *Time* magazine bureau in Montreal, was attacked in his home the night of Mar. 7 by two thugs who complained Mr. Riggan had written "against them."

Riggan was not seriously hurt. He said the men might be alluding to a story on crime in Montreal in last week's *Time*.

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more difficult and censorship more harassing in Egypt. Beirut, by comparison, offers a peaceful existence (with the exception of the assassination of a Syrian exile in the American sector while this was being written) with relatively good contacts in most Middle Eastern countries, plus good communications and some of the comforts of life.

The lobby of the St. Georges on any day is apt to see Sam Pope Brewer, N.Y. Times; John Mecklin, Time-Life; Tom Masterson, AP; Henry Toluzzi, NBC, John Weaver, London Express; and John Marashian, McGraw-Hill, while streaming through constantly are such visitors as Joe Morris of UP's London bureau returning from a visit to Yemen, John Wilhelm, editor of Overseas Press Bulletin, enroute to Istanbul; Sam Souki, former Newsweek staffer now working as an oil consultant; Wanda Jablonski, Petroleum Week, and Alkaios Angelopoulos, veteran INS staffer en route to Damascus.

The new McGraw-Hill World News bureau in Beirut, in operation full-time, was recently opened formally by John Marashian, bureau chief.

John Mecklin recently had his third cover story within the year for Time with his profile of King Saud. Mecklin is spending a good part of his time in Cairo. His wife, Shirley, and two sons, Davey and Sandy, live in an apartment overlooking the Mediterranean. The Mecklins had a small party for John Wilhelm, head of McGraw-Hill World News, during his visit.

Tom Masterson, AP bureau chief here, is working long hours getting a new bureau office, located on a high location slightly out of the center of Beirut, to improve radio reception.

Henry Toluzzi, NBC, scored a clean beat on the Jedid assassination. He has been permanently assigned to Beirut and will move his family soon from Rome to the Lebanese capital. Toluzzi has been named new Overseas Press Bulletin correspondent in Beirut.

THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB Officers and Board

President: Wayne Richardson; Vice Presidents: Cecil Brown, Ansel E. Talbert, Lawrence G. Blochman; Secretary: Will Yolen; Treasurer: A. Wilfred May.

Board of Governors: John Barkham, Thomas Curran, Emanuel Freedman, Ben Grauer, Ruth Lloyd, John Luter, Kathleen McLaughlin, Will Oursler, Madeline D. Ross, Cornelius Ryan, Thomas P. Whitney, John Wilhelm, Helen Zotos; Alternates: Reavis O'Neal, Harold Lavine, J. C. Dine, Elizabeth Fagg.

Past Presidents: W. W. Chaplin, Robert Conside, John Daly, William P. Gray, Burnet Hershey, Frank Kelley, Lucian Kirtland, Louis Lochner, Eugene Lyons, J. Clifford Stark, Lowell Thomas, Wythe Williams (deceased).

MEXICO

The New York Times' Paul Kennedy is recuperating from a bout with pneumonia. Kennedy was rushed to the hospital for treatment shortly after his return from Haiti.

Marion Wilhelm, Chicago Tribune and Christian Science Monitor, is having a fiesta for Donald A. Starr, foreign editor of the Chicago Tribune, and Mrs. Starr, who winter annually in Mexico.

H. Allen Smith is here for some months to write a book on Mexico, to be patterned after his London Journal. He is moving in and out of Mexico City.

The UP is happily installed in new offices at the Versailles Reforma. Election of officers for the Foreign Correspondents Ass'n. of Mexico is coming up soon. They will be held at the Jockey Club.

Betty Kirk

MANILA

Louis Lochner, OPC past president, and Mrs. Lochner stopped off here for a brief visit on their way home to the States...Frank Robertson, president of the Hong Kong Correspondents Club and stringer for The Christian Science Monitor, sailed into Manila Bay from Hong Kong aboard the fifty-two-foot yawl "Mah Jong." Robertson returned to Hong Kong but six other Americans are going to sail the boat onto Bermuda. Frank was the cook between Hong Kong and Manila.

Bud Merrick, UP manager in Hong Kong, and Dave Roads, AP staffer in Hong Kong, and his wife were passengers aboard the inaugural Hong Kong Airways flight to Manila...Don Huth, AP bureau chief in Manila, left for Canberra, Australia, to cover the SEATO Council of Foreign Ministers Conference...Lars Eklund, AP staffer in Stockholm, passed through the Philippines on his way home from the Scandinavian Airways System inaugural flight from Copenhagen to Tokyo via the North Pole.

Don Huth

MISSING MEMBERS

Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of the following OPCers, please notify the Club office: John Mullikan, Josa Ruffner, Robert E. Salisbury, Lee White.

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LANDRY APPOINTED
B.U.P. EDITOR

A strengthened staff line-up for British United Press was announced this week in Montreal by Philip R. Curran, managing director.



DENNIS LANDRY

Dennis Landry, executive news editor of the B.U.P. since 1949, was promoted to editor. Landry joined the U.P. in 1928, and has served as manager of various U.P. bureaus throughout the U.S. and Latin America.

Willard D. Eberhart, Montreal bureau manager, was promoted to succeed Landry as executive news editor. Eberhart has been with the U.P. since 1937 and has served in bureaus in Seattle and Honolulu.

Robert W. Keyserlingk has rejoined the B.U.P. as general businessman. Until 1948 he was managing director of B.U.P. From 1936 to 1941 he was European Department manager of U.P. with headquarters in London.

DATELINE WASHINGTON

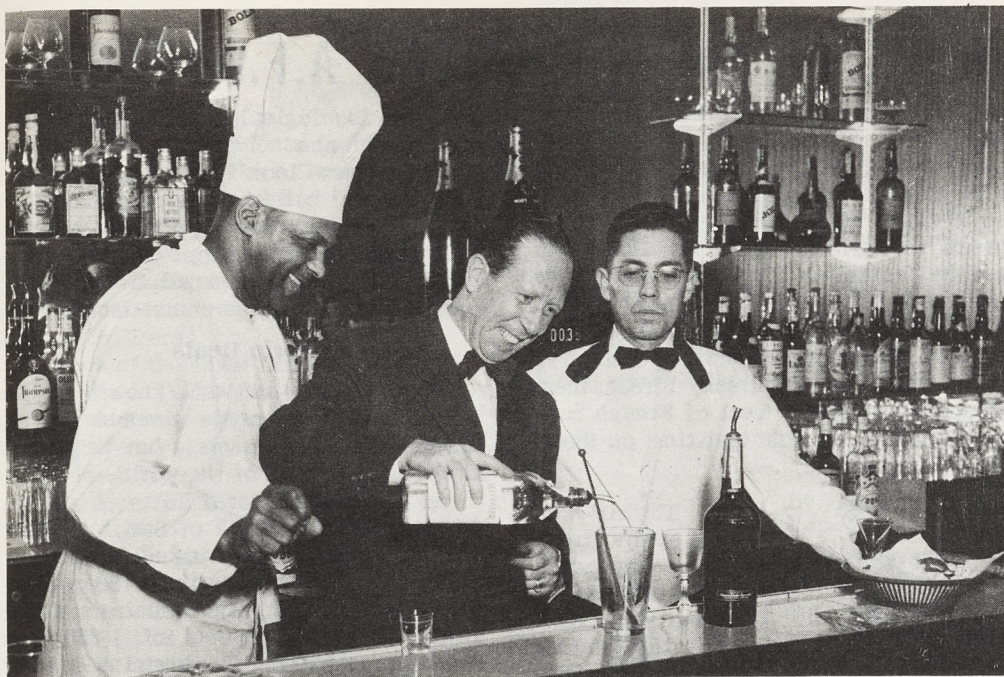
In the past, the President has been the guest of honor at the annual dinners of the Women's National Press Club, Gridiron Club, the White House Correspondents Ass'n., the White House Photographers Ass'n. and the Radio and Television Correspondents Ass'n. This year he is passing up these invitations.

As a consequence, Chief Justice Earl Warren was the guest of honor at the Gridiron "roast;" the Vice President will be guest of honor at the women reporters' dinner on May 16; and the White House Correspondents and the White House Photographers have decided against having a dinner this year.

The Radio and Television Correspondents are having their dinner on Mar. 23 when the President is in Bermuda conferring with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Jessie Stearns

MARTINIS AS DRY AS THE GAZA



Joseph Scialom (center), for twenty years bartender at the Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo, mixing dry martinis with OPC Chef George Ovide (left) and bartender Jimmy Lopez (right) during a recent visit to the OPC. Scialom, who was "Nasser-ed" out of Egypt, is now at the Caribe Hilton in San Juan.

MAGAZINE TO REPLACE DINNER SOUVENIR PROGRAM MAY 8

A full-scale magazine containing editorial matter and advertising will replace the eight-page souvenir program of previous years at the Annual Awards Dinner-Dance May 6, *Cornelius Ryan*, Dinner Committee chairman, announced this week.

Murray Lewis has been named chairman of the editorial board of the new Club publication. *Charles Lanius* is editor and *John de Lorenzi* is associate editor. *Kurt Lassen* is advertising director, assisted by *Joseph C. Peters* and others to be named later.

Lewis has appointed *Dick Marshall* as art director and *Lydia Carter* to handle typography.

Members of the editorial staff are *Bill Baldwin, Jr.*, *Bob Dunne*, *John Luter*, *Grace Naismith*, *Larry Newman*, *John Wilhelm* and *Jim Winchester*.

The magazine will be printed in two colors and will contain a minimum of forty-eight pages, depending on the volume of advertising. Advertising to cover the cost of a forty-eight page magazine has been contracted for, *Lassen* reports, but additional ads in the next three weeks are expected to increase the size of the publication.

The publication of an income-producing magazine will eliminate the yearly expense of more than \$900 for printing of a souvenir program, *Ryan* says.

Members who may be able to assist in obtaining advertising are urged to contact *Kurt Lassen* at the Club or at Murray Hill 5-1855.

NOMINATIONS BY PETITION FOR OPC ELECTIONS

The following nominations by petition for 1957-1958 OPC officers have been received to date and duly validated:

Vice President
Thomas P. Whitney
Board of Governors
Allyn Z. Baum
Ben Grauer
Lin Root
Madeline D. Ross
Gertrude Samuels
Helen Zotos

Because of added business responsibilities, two members selected by the Nominating Committee to run for Board of Governors have been forced to withdraw their names. They are *Joseph F. Willicombe, Jr.*, and *Ben Wright*.

INDONESIA ACTING AGAINST NEWSMEN

AP reports from Jakarta on Tuesday said that the Indonesian Military Command announced it is taking steps to act against foreign correspondents covering the Indonesian political crisis.

An official statement from the Army Command said "Command authorities have completed preparations for steps to be taken against foreign news agencies here..."

The OPC is taking steps to investigate the action.

New Admission Standards To Be Proposed April 30

Admissions Committee chairman *Thomas P. Whitney* has announced that a constitutional amendment tightening requirements for admission of new members to the OPC is going to be submitted to the membership.

Active members of the Club will vote by mail on the proposed amendment and in person at the annual meeting of the Club on April 30. Two-thirds approval of all those voting is required for passage.

Sponsored by the Admissions Committee, the amendment has been discussed with the Constitution Committee and the Board of Governors of the Club. It has the approval of the Board of Governors which made amendments in the proposed text.

Affecting qualifications for active and associate membership, the amendment leaves untouched the requirements for affiliate membership.

Active Membership

Under terms of the proposed change, active membership will require two years of continuous or intermittent overseas employment as a journalist. The present requirement is twelve consecutive months or broken service totalling twenty-four months as a reporter overseas.

A provision has been added that the foreign service must have been "in conjunction with a career pursued for a considerable period in journalism."

Also eligible for active membership under the change would be overseas correspondents who are presently employed as "full-time staffers on verified long-term assignments" regardless of the length of their service. The provision that the work must be part of a journalistic career pursued "for a considerable period" applies here also.

Associate Membership

Associate membership, which now requires only three years of domestic journalistic experience at any point in the applicant's career, under the change would require (1) that the applicant, if he has had a total of only three years of news experience, be a working journalist at the time of application; or (2) that the applicant must have had ten years of work as a newsman in the past.

In addition to the specific above-mentioned changes, the amendment redefines and tightens the types of work and media acceptable in support of applications for active and associate membership.

The amendment would not change the membership category or status of any present member of the Club.

happiness pill called Paris

ASK YOUR SOMMELIER ABOUT CHATEAU A.F.P. 1957 — A G

by Bernard S. Redmont

Paris

France stands for freedom, *foie gras* and fine champagne—but she also boasts another remarkable and little-known vintage: Agence France-Presse.

Since Montmartre is far from Madison Avenue, few Americans have been subjected to the sincere "soft sell" that AFP happens to be the world's oldest and one of the world's biggest news agencies.

It's time to repair this omission, for this wiry service has just become the world's youngest news agency as well.

Founded in 1835 by Charles Havas as the Havas News Agency, AFP has just won for itself a new statute guaranteeing its full autonomy and independence.

At a moment when France's material strength in the world has ebbed, the French News Agency is quietly winning new footholds around the world.

We Americans and British (some twenty of us) who toil and often spin in the bi-lingual boiler-factory vineyard of the AFP in Paris are often twitted because, although our shop functions exactly like any other objective news agency in the free world, and sells its service commercially to 3,000 newspaper and radio station clients in fifty-one foreign countries, its budget in the past has been partially subsidized by the French taxpayer.

Commercial rivals used to enjoy tabbing AFP as a "semi-official" agency and a "monopoly," whereas in fact this was inexact. American and British agencies, as well as French agencies, sell their news in France.

Actually, there are six big world-wide news agencies. A UNESCO book on the world's news agencies said recently: "AFP, AP, INS, Reuter and UP are alike in that they all distribute a service of world news on a paying basis to subscribing newspapers and broadcasting stations in a very great number of countries... The Tass agency, though its juridical status as the official agency of the Government of the Soviet Union is quite different, though it forms part of the Soviet administration, though its services reflect official policy, is nevertheless classified as a world agency..."

AFP Newsmen Free

As any fool can plainly see, however, Tass is strictly a give-away, and as a Moscow propaganda mouthpiece, hardly rates consideration among the Big Five.

AFP correspondents have always considered themselves strictly free, pro-

fessional journalists, in the best tradition.

Charlie Havas, a young Frenchman of Hungarian and Portuguese ancestry, set himself up in business as a news bureau in Paris as early as 1825. But he didn't establish his agency under that name until ten years later, after which he rigged up a semaphore telegraph to speed up transmission, and made history.

By 1840, he had already streamlined his operation with a fleet of French carrier pigeons, and from that time on there was no stopping him.



The AP was not even a gleam in anybody's eye until 1848, when it was born as the Harbor News Association.

Julius Reuter, a young German who had

worked as a translator in the Havas News Agency, opened his own news office in London in 1851.

The UP was not set up until 1907 and the INS in 1909.

The new status of the AFP, just approved by vote of the French Parliament, is a tribute to big six-foot, three inch, burly Jean Marin, a star ex-Havas reporter and BBC broadcaster to France during the war, who was appointed director general in 1954 under the regime of ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

To the AFP staff, the Government's former power to appoint the director general has never been anything but a source of constant regret, regardless of the personalities involved.

Marin led the fight to push the new statute through the Assembly and Senate, to win "complete independence from the public power."

The first autonomous board of directors, controlled by French newspaper editors, has now been set up to guide AFP's future destinies.

This puts an end to the provisional status under which the agency has labored since the Liberation of France. The new law says bluntly: "This agency's objectives are: 1) To gather complete and objective news in France, the French Union and foreign countries, and 2) To place this news at the disposal of clients, in return for payment."

The board of directors, on which the AFP staff itself has two seats, will now choose the director general. (It will do so before April 10.) There will also be an American-type board of non-partisan trustees to guarantee the agency's free-

dom from ideological, political or economic interference.

The "new look" even includes an ultra-modern building for which ground has been broken opposite the Paris Stock Exchange. This will supplant the present century-old, oft-condemned firetrap that now serves as a nerve center for AFP.

World Beats

Though not so well known in the U.S., the AFP logotype gives American and British counterparts a hot time of it in most other parts of the world.

It has earned world beats on events as varied as the death of Stalin and the birth of Princess Caroline of Monaco.

AFP now has more than 450 correspondents in 103 foreign countries and a total full-time personnel of 1,850, not counting stringers. It maintains big bureaus in New York, Washington and most major world capitals.

Its daily volume runs about 400,000 words, and the U.S. wire alone often gets as much as 35,000. Abroad, the AFP wire is either distributed by the local AFP bureau, by the national news agency or directly to newspapers and radio chains.

AFP has had as much difficulty as other Western nations in getting its reporters in to report the truth behind the Iron Curtain, but has been in some respects more enterprising. It has two full-time correspondents in Moscow, and was the first of the Western agencies to establish a bureau in Peking.

During the uprising of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters and then during the dreadful days of the Soviet Masacre of the Hungarians, AFP men managed to get the news out of Budapest regularly, and even stayed on long after most other Western newsmen had left.

In the Middle East, an ingenious bit of enterprise, whose full story cannot yet be told but is related to the interplay of allied news agencies, enabled AFP to continue its hourly coverage from Cairo even during the hostilities and to this day.

Although AFP lacks the huge financial resources of the American agencies because of the slender French newspa-



A GREAT YEAR

per market, it frequently rallies an enormous team of correspondents to blanket a big, important story like a Geneva conference. At the same time, it doesn't hesitate to do the same for an equally big, albeit frivolous, event like the Grace Kelly-Prince Rainier wedding, where this correspondent threw rice along with eight other AFPers.

The bulk of the news file is designed for a *New York Times-Manchester Guardian*-type audience like the Japanese AFP clients. But it never neglects such minor world-shakers as "Liberace Stung by Angry Wasp on Visit to Paris" or "French Police Ban Book Entitled *The Sexual Life of Robinson Crusoe*."

AFP gets along nicely with its otherwise competitive rivals. It is linked with AP, UP, INS and Reuter, and other agencies, by contracts providing either for 1) exchanges of home services; 2) delivery of AFP home service against payment of a subscription fee; 3) delivery of AFP world service against the other party's home service plus an appropriate payment; or 4) delivery of AFP world service against payment of a subscription fee.

The AFP English-language world service is the least known, newest and perhaps most unusual of all. It clicks out from Paris on teleprinter channels to the entire Far East. It has staked out a leading position in the former British markets of India and Pakistan. It serves all Scandinavia, a chain in Australia and even has penetrated the U.S., where it is used and distributed by INS to all clients.

Bi-Lingual Operation

It's a tricky task to win world beats when operating bi-lingually, and though we have much to learn, we are learning fast in pioneering a whole new technique in journalism. The English-language team manages to operate as speedily with its flashes and bulletins, as if its raw material were English rather than usually French.

AFP, of course, is basically French. As a consequence, even we Americans take pride in complete coverage to include such vital sidebars as the detail that a rare *Corton Charlemagne* was served with the *homard a l'armoricaine* during a Berlin conference banquet.

The English-language operation began a decade ago as the "Service Ex-Or" (for Extreme Orient) in the Far East, because Japanese and Chinese editors preferred to translate from English rather than French.

Its first boss was an old China hand named Jacques Deschodt, who was and is still addressed by the staff, with typical French *bonhomie*, by his nickname,

"Confucius."

It flourished and is now reputed to be the most financially successful of the various AFP divisions. In Tokyo, where AFP is used by thirteen big dailies, with a total of twenty-five million readers, not counting the Japanese national radio network, it usually outshines all other agencies in column inches printed. The service is currently supervised by Jean Danes, crack ex-Vienna bureau chief.

Effective managing editor of the whole AFP show is Fernand Moulrier, director of news, who is well known as a top-notch ex-Washington bureau chief for AFP.



Nobody has ever been known to become wealthy working for AFP—or any other news agency for that matter. But the French offer the longest list of "fringe" benefits this side of Paradise.

AFPers enjoy a concentrated six-and-one-half-hour working day, thus en-

abling us, in off-hours, to uphold Parisian traditions and keep the sidewalk cafe owners in business, to hold a second job, to contemplate our easels, or even to become successful novelists in our spare time — (we've got one—not yet thirty and on his fourth book).

We take one-month summer vacations and save up our holidays for two-week winter slaloms in the Alps. At Christmas, we get a thirteenth-month paycheck and presents for our children.

Every time the stork lands, father gets three days off to recover, with pay, a whopping baby bonus, and an extra family allotment amounting to an automatic wage increase. We've got cost-of living escalator clauses, medical and dental insurance, three pension funds — not one, and a canteen that serves lunches with wine for about sixty cents.

If you ever run across an AFP check-grabber on an assignment, humor him: Our literal-minded accountant acts on the principle that he will pay so long as you can produce a receipt. This sometimes has us scrounging on floors and in wastebaskets for used bar checks.

As a matter of fact, although Paris is fast becoming the most expensive town in the world, we seldom run up big Vodka-Martini bills, since the usual bar order by our *flaneurs* in the blue-flannel berets is a *vin blanc sec* in the nearest bistro.

Of course, few of us ever go home to split-level homes in Exurbia in our two-tone cars — there's little gasoline avail-

able for one thing — and we're usually supporting some landlord living in luxury on the Riviera while we keep his crumbling flat from being invaded by the termites.

But after a simple, ten-course French dinner rustled up by our *Cordon Bleu*-influenced American wife (no frozen TV package dinners here), lubricated by a mellow Medoc, a town called Paris—eternal Paris—is our own Milltown.

Bernard S. Redmont has been roving staff correspondent and desk chief of the AFP English-language world service since 1953.



An *homme-orchestre* or journalistic one-man band, he simultaneously serves as Paris correspondent of the *Conservative tabloid* London Daily Sketch, has been writing

BERNARD S. REDMONT a monthly column for *Realites*, broadcasts occasionally from Paris and acts as Overseas Press Bulletin correspondent. He explains: "On the eighth day of the week, I rest."

Redmont, a Purple Heart U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondent during World War II, was for five years bureau chief for U.S. News and World Report in Buenos Aires and in Paris.

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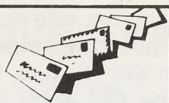
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

LETTERS



Dear Editor,

As an OPCer whose main qualification to speak is a guilty record of sending newsreel cameramen on perilous assignments to all parts of the world, I feel the Overseas Press Club might well reexamine its position in demanding correspondents' passports into Communist China.

In my years as a newsman and editor, I have acquired my quota of scars in defense of freedom of the press, but I fail to see how this point is involved where American reporters insist on endangering their lives and the prestige of their country by playing "cat and mouse" with the Red Chinese government. While I normally applaud valid criticism of the U.S. State Dep't., I feel the OPC is taking unfair advantage by attacking it in an area where the State Dep't. is unable to defend itself (i.e., by admitting its helplessness in case a correspondent should be seized by the Reds).

As an editor who mourns the loss of men in line of duty, I would never ask a correspondent to take a chance on going into Red China where he would be liable to imprisonment as a so-called spy, a hostage to be used to the embarrassment of his own country, and more especially the U.S. State Dep't., not to mention his own discomfiture.

We have witnessed the impotence of our government in cases where our correspondents have been seized by the Communists, and I think it is unfair to ask the State Dep't. for sanction to go out on a limb. It is one thing to play Richard Harding Davis (or Herbert Matthews) on our own, but quite another to ask the U.S. government to give us license and protection. If the Chinese Reds seriously want to tell their story to the world, it would be an easy matter to waive passport requirements. Inasmuch as they obviously don't, I fail to see how much real information could be uncovered there under the present circumstances.

In our zeal to defend freedom of information, we should never overlook the safety and welfare of the brilliant, eager and courageous members of our profession.

Sincerely,

William C. Driscoll

Driscoll-Bitterman Assoc.
New York

OOPS!

Dear Editor:

In my letter to *The Bulletin*, published Feb. 23, page 7, Joseph Shaplen, founder secretary of the Club, was referred to as Joseph Shapley, which is incorrect.

Charles Ferlin

Dear Editor (or Madam):

Contrary to the item in the recent *Bulletin* (March 2 issue, page 3) B. Mathieu Roos is not - at least according to contemporary cultural standards - a "he".

B. Mathieu Roos

New Yorker magazine
New York

A CHANCE TO SEE JAPAN

Special Events Committee chairman David Shefrin announced this week that reservations are open now for the OPC tour to Japan. Departure is scheduled for late June. A stay of approximately three weeks in Japan is planned.

The basic cost to each member will be approximately \$1,076. This will cover round-trip air travel between New York and Tokyo, travel through the Japanese islands, special excursions and reduced hotel rates. Incidental expenses are extra.

Japanese government and private agencies are cooperating with the OPC in arranging the tour. "Strange to say," Shefrin reports, "the Japanese apparently consider OPC members automatically to be VIP's."

Members interested in the trip are asked to advise the Special Events Committee at once, as the tour will be planned according to the wishes of those participating.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Reporting to the Board of Governors on Mar. 8 on the Club's up-to-date financial condition, A. Wilfred May, Treasurer, cited and explained the following highlights from the balance sheet:

Cash and cash-equivalent (that is, cash on hand, deposits in commercial and savings banks, and \$25,000 U.S. Treasury Certificate) at \$132,000.

Balance of current assets (including accounts receivable, inventories, prepaid expenses for insurance, etc.) at \$19,000, making *total current assets* of \$151,000.

Fixed assets (i.e., furniture and fixtures, and improvements) at \$29,000; giving *total assets* of \$180,000.

Current liabilities (i.e., accounts payable, accrued expenses, and unearned income) total \$42,000, which subtracted from the current assets above-stated, gives net working capital - the Club's liquid position - at \$109,000.

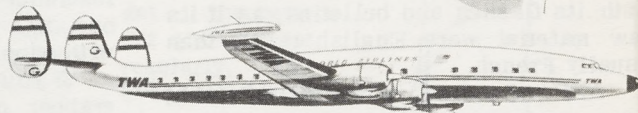
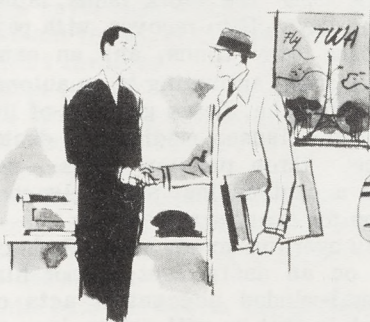
The present *surplus* (i.e., after deducting all liabilities from all assets, fixed and liquid) is \$138,000.

Cecil Brown spoke Mar. 14, as OPC representative, to student editors attending three-day convention of Columbia University Scholastic Ass'n.

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(The AP Log, weekly house publication of the Associated Press in New York, recently carried a report from Colin Frost, their Warsaw correspondent, on news coverage in the Polish capital today. The following is an excerpt from his report.)

For a Western newsman, Poland is a Communist country with a difference. By and large, one is free to operate as one wants to.

Government and party authorities all are friendly and, for the most part, accessible and willing to talk frankly. In Warsaw, the same is true of the people. But new fashions are slow to spread to the provinces and there one still finds traces of old fears.

AP's quarters are in the Hotel Bristol, a rambling, bullet-scarred relic known to every newsman who covered Eastern Europe during and after World War II. News is its biggest single source of business. When Poland is in the headlines — as in January's elections — scores of correspondents arrive and each one adds to the competition.

One major difficulty is to sort fact from the rumors that always abound. They are a hangover from the days when Polish papers printed little apart from official handouts and eulogies of Stalin. People got their news from Western radios and, in passing it on, something was always added.

Today the rumors still fly. Each one requires checking. One in a hundred produces a story.

There is a multiplicity of minor irritations -- inexplicable delays in delivery of mails or cabled service messages, the hours it takes to make a phone call to any provincial town, the ninety minutes minimum to get a simple meal in the Bristol's restaurant.

Government policy now seems to be to allow major news agencies and some newspapers to keep staffers in Poland, and to admit other correspondents on a rotation basis. Authorities say they had more than 1,000 visa applications after the Poznan riots last year, and that all applicants eventually will get their turn.

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Spencer C. Valmy, Chairman

Will Yolen's daughter, Jane, has joined ranks of the working reporters; appointed to Smith College Press Board, she will be campus reporter for a U.S. daily.

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DAVID F. DAVIS, *Paris Times* (France) from '26 to '28. *Chicago Tribune* (Paris, France) 1928. Proposed by *Edwin E. Dowell*; seconded by *G.E. McCadden*.

WILLIAM A. RUTHERFORD, ed. Intl Press Institute; CBS corres. since May '55 (Switzerland); *Time-Life* since Sept. '54 (Switzerland); *Christian Science Monitor* corres. from March '54-'56. Proposed by *Helen Fisher*; seconded by *Lynn Heinzerling*.

H. STANLEY THOMPSON, Dept of Army (Graphic Arts Specialist-Washington, D. C.) from '41-'43; *Yank* mag. (London, Cherbourg, Rennes, Paris, Strasbourg) from '44-'46; Armed Services Editions, dir. NY, from '46 to '47. Proposed by *John Lowell Pratt*; seconded by *S.C. Valmy*.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON, *The Wall Street Journal*, Paris corres. *Cotton Trade Journal* (Memphis, Tenn.) Apr '48-Jan '49, stringer from Feb '49-Aug '50; John MacNair's Eur. News Serv (Frankfurt, Ger) from Sept '50-Feb '51; freelancer for McGraw-Hill World News, *NY Times*, Editor & Publisher, *Barron's*, Religious News Service, Farm and business mag. from June '53 to Dec. '56. Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *N.F. Allman*.

ASSOCIATE

ROBERT H. HESS, mgr, Motion Pic Prod CBS News & Public Affairs since Feb '55; CBS cameraman (Wash.) from Apr '53-'55; Telenews Prod from Jan '49-Apr '53 (Wash.); *Phila. Inquirer* from June '48-Jan '49; Universal Newsreel (Phila) from Jan '46-June '48. Proposed by *Elmer W. Lower*; seconded by *Jack H. Fern*.

NORMA ABRAMS MILEY, *NY Daily News* since 1929; *Seattle* (Wash) *Post Intelligencer* from '16-'19; *San Francisco Chronicle* from '20-'26. Proposed by *Robert Conway*; seconded by *Grace Robinson*.

ARTHUR L. NORTH, *The News*, since June 1953. Proposed by *Robert Conway*; seconded by *Tenold Sunde*.

AFFILIATE

CHARLES B. SETON, attorney. Proposed by *J. Gerald Kiley*; seconded by *Will H. Yolen*.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

ACTIVE

Andrew Borowiec, The Associated Press.
Barrett Gallagher, free lance.
Harry Gilroy, *NY Times*, Germany.
Robert Littell, *Reader's Digest*.

PEOPLE & PLACES...

Eddy Gilmore and his wife, Tamara, became the parents of a daughter on February 3; she has been named Natasha after Tamara's Russian mother. Tamara had a small part in the Ingrid Bergman-Yul Brynner film, "Anastasia."

Ardleigh Films have done a TV film of the Gilmores' life in Russia called "Two Against the Kremlin." It will be shown to American TV audiences in late spring or early autumn. The Gilmores expect to be in New York on home leave from London in April.

Robert Trout, CBS News, off to Italy, Yugoslavia and Turkey for news stories...*Larry LeSueur* was honored Feb. 26 by N.Y.U. Alumni Federation "Heights of Achievement Award" for distinguished news analysis...*Milton Bellis*, former UP staff correspondent in Paris, has rejoined Foote, Cone & Belding as public relations man in Europe...*Tom Ward* temporarily assigned to Washington public relations office of U.S. Steel...*Christopher* and *Patricia Buckley* (he's with *Forbes* magazine) became the parents of a daughter, Catherine Mary, on Jan. 30; they have one son.

Geraldine Fitch writes from Seville, Spain, that she had a visit with *Temple* and *Nancy Fielding* at Mallorca recently; she is due in the U.S. next month...*Louis Bley* leaving for Middle East end of March to investigate the oil situation for the *Journal of Commerce*; stopping in Europe on return trip...*Max Herzberg*, book editor of *Newark Evening & Sunday News* editing pocket book publications of classics.

Helen Zotos appointed Radio Free Europe's first woman news editor last month after a fourteen-month editing and analysis stint in RFE information and research. She spoke on "Women Behind the Iron Curtain" over Mutual Network for Crusade for Freedom last Saturday.

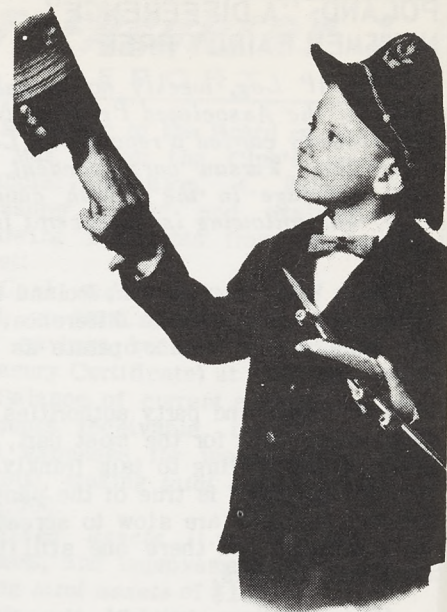
Clare Boothe Luce, in Phoenix, Ariz., is putting the finishing touches on a new Broadway play, "The Little Dipper," scheduled for an October opening; *Lillian* and *Dorothy Gish* will star.

Dennis Bloodworth, Singapore correspondent of the *London Observer* was married this week to *Judy Lien Ping-King*.

DINNER RESERVATIONS STILL OPEN

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